(c) if the answer to part (a) above is in the negative, by when the orders are likely to be issued and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c): The Question of implementation of the Supreme Court Judgement dated 15.12.1995 in the Writ Petition No. 11855/85 for restoration of l/3rd commuted portion of pension in the case of those Government servants who had opted for lumpsum payment of admissible pro-rata pension at the time of their absorption in Public Sector Undertakings is under consideration of Government. The matter requires consultations with the concerned authorities and final decision in the matter wojld be taken at an early date.

Unprovoked firing by Pakistani tropps

283. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani troops resorted to uninterrupted firing along the international border and Line of Control in Jammu & Kashmir since the beginning of current calender year;

(b) if 'so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for the past over one year, firing of rockets, mortars and machine guns fire from across the border has become a routine affair;

(d) if so, the details thereof stating the losses suffered by the army and BSF mid

(e) the retaliatory measures Government have taken or propose to take to counter unprovoked Pakistani firing in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE M[T]NISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) Unprovoked firing by Pakistan along the Line of Control/International Border in Jammu and Kashmir has become a recurring phenomenon. Pakistani troops also resorted to firing rockets, mortars and small arms from across the border since the beginning of 1996 as well as in the previous year, resulting in some casualties to Army and BSF personnel. There has been no major change in the pattern/intensity of firing since the beginning of this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1995, except along the International Border portion in Jammu and Kashmir, where escalation of firing has taken place due to pakistani efforts to obstruct the fencing work taken up on our side of the border.

A befitting reply is given by the Indian troops in all incidents of firing. However, our response is in a graduated manner to ensure that incidents remain localised but effective, there is no unnecessary escalation and our casualties are minimised.

Introduction of EMU Coaches in Western Railway

284. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the station under Western Railway where EMU coaches are proposed to be introduced during 1995-96;

(b) whethe[r] any survey has been undertaken to introduce new rail service Indore-Ujjain-Nagda-Kota-Swai Madhopur upto Jaipur; and

(c) if so, the retails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) (a) EMU trains have been introduced on Bhilad-Surat, Surat-Bharuch-Vadodara, Vadodara-Ahmedabad, Vadodara-Godhra and Godhra-Dahod sections during 1995-96.

(b) and (c) Introduction of a train between Indore-Ujjain-Nagda-Kota-Swai Madhopur-Jaipur has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Demands of Delhi University Teachers

285. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long standing demands of the Delhi University Teachers regarding promotions, speedy revision of pay scales and improvement in their service conditions for the last more than four years;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the University Grants Commission or the Ministry;

(c) whether their demands are likely to be accepted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The University Grants Commission has constituted a Pay Review Committee to review the pay scales and other service conditions of university and college teachers. 7.ie Delhi University Teachers' Association, on behalf of (he teachers of the University of Delhi, had submitted a charter of demands to the Pay Review Cornrr..ttee in November 1995. As per the terms of reference of this Committee, it would submit its recommendations after the Central Pay Commission gives its report.

New Circuits to woo Foreign Tourists

286. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Tourism is zeroing in on new circuits in the northern, western and southern parts of the country to woo the South-East Asian tourists as reported in the Financial Express New Delhi, dated 12th February, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the concept of circuit tourism and principles on which it is based to motivate tourists;

(c) what was the response from States to DOT's campaign launched from 15th September, 1995 in respect of domestic tourism investment plans; and

(d) what has been done so far to attract foreign tourists to different sectors in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism have identified following new circuits is the northern, western and southern parts of the country to attract foreign tourists:—

1. Agra-Gwalior-Jhansi-Orchha-Khajuraho.

2. 4 Circuits in Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh.

3. Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Barmer.

4. 3 Circuits in Kerala.

5. Buddhist Circuit in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(b) The concept of circuit tourism is based on the changing travel trends and aspirations of international and domestic tourists. The principle is to disperse the traffic concentrated on the traditional circuits like Golden Triangle and also to secure optimum utilisation of the existing tourism infrastructure in the circuit.

(c) The response from the States to DOT's campaign launched on 15th September, 1995 in respect of domestic tourism investment plans has been very encouraging. So far, 13 State have